

State Park Road Account

Program Overview

The State Park Road Account helps local governments improve local roads that access state public recreation facilities. Minnesota Statutes 162.06¹ allocates funds to the State Park Road Account to provide financial assistance for the improvement of county, township, and city roads that provide access to state parks, public lakes, rivers, state campgrounds, or other outdoor recreation units defined in Minnesota Statutes 86A.04². The program is jointly administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and MnDOT's State Aid for Local Transportation Division.



Program Guidance and Criteria

The Minnesota DNR annually solicits projects for SPRA funding from cities, townships, and counties. A team of Minnesota DNR staff from several divisions then selects projects for funding based on the following criteria:

- Safety improvement
- Enhanced access to recreation site
- Amount of traffic directly related to recreation site
- Local cost share

After being selected for funding, projects are processed similarly to regular state aid projects in that construction plans are reviewed and approved, bids are solicited, a contract is awarded, funds are sent to the contracting agency, construction begins, and when construction is completed a final inspection is performed.

Funding

The table on the next page shows the amount of funds allocation to the SPRA and the number of projects selected over the last five years.

¹ <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=162.06>

² <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=86A.04>





	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Amount Allocated	\$3.08 M	\$3.34 M	\$3.55 M	\$3.65 M	\$3.78 M	\$3.99 M
Number of Projects	8	14	9	11	9	12

Data source: SAAS Reports, 10/2014

For More Information

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